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SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: CONVERSATION WITH LAWYER FOR DUTCH
GIRL'S FAMILY

1. AT HIS REQUEST, H.E.A.M. VAN ZINNICQ BERGMANN
CALLED ON EMBOFF JUNE 11 TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PROGRESS
IN KIDNAPPING CASE. VAN ZINNICQ BERGMANN IS COUSIN AND
LAW PARTNER OF EMILIE'S FATHER, AND HAS BEEN PICKED BY
FAMILY TO BE THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN CASE. HE HAS BEEN
IN CONTACT WITH FONMIN OFFICIALS WORKING ON CASE, AND
HAD THEIR BLESSING TO CONTACT U.S. EMBASSY.

2. VAN ZINNICQ BERGMANN AWARE FROM HIS OWN SOURCES
(NOT MFA HE SAID) OF RECEIPT OF SECOND MESSAGE FROM
KIDNAPPERS (DAR 1962), AND ALSO OF INCREASED PARTICIPA-
TION OF LATE BY GOT. HE SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY THESE
DEVELOPMENTS, BUT STILL CONCERNED THAT NONE OF EMISSARIES
HAVE YET MADE DIRECT CONTACT.

3. LAWYER SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED GON OF HIS WILLINGNESS
TRAVEL TO AFRICA ON MOMENTS NOTICE IF IT WOULD SERVE ANY
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USEFUL PURPOSE. HE NOT, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS
TO GO AS HE FEELS USG, GON AND STANFORD ACTING RESPONSIBLY.
VAN ZINNICQ BERGMANN AWARE OF U.S. POLICY RE RANSOM
DEMANDS, AND INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD

PRECLUDE MONEY OR WEAPONS BEING FURNISHED BY PRP. HE
THOUGHT KIDNAPPERS MOST INTERESTED IN PUBLICITY AND IN
SECURING RELEASE OF THEIR COLLEAGUES HELD IN TANZANIA.

4. WE REALIZE THAT VAN ZINNICQ BERGMANN'S POINT OF
CONTACT SHOULD BE WITH GON AND NOT WITH EMBASSY, BUT IN
VIEW MFA RECOMMENDATION THAT HE ALSO TALK TO US, WE SEE
NO HARM IN CONFERRING WITH HIM. HE STRIKES US AS VERY
CAUTIOUS LAWYER WHO WILL NOT TALK TO OUTSIDERS. FAMILY
CONNECTED TO DUTCH COURT (WHICH IS REASON FOR PERSONAL
INTEREST OF QUEEN AND PRINCE IN CASE) AND HAS CONTACTS
WITH MISSIONARY ORDERS IN EASTERN ZAIRE.
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